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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: OHTOMO et al

Serial No.: 09/943,507

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For: Thin Film Head, Producing Method Thereof  
And Magnetic Disk Apparatus

Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: T. Chen

**AMENDMENT**

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March 20, 2006

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the office action mailed December 19, 2005. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.